

## CAPITOL AND DEPARTMENT

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In the wake of a controversy between certain members of the public lands in the state of Michigan, claiming the same lands for the Portage Canal Company, under the act of 1890, the Attorney General, James C. Smith, has issued a decision to the effect that the lands in question belong to the United States, and that the same shall be sold to the highest bidder, and the proceeds of the sale shall be used for the construction of the Portage Canal. The decision is based on the fact that the lands in question were not included in the grant of the Portage Canal Company, and that the same were not included in the grant of the Portage Canal Company.

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**THE PEOPLE AREN'T.**  
BALTIMORE, Md., March 17.—Passengers took the West coast train for Baltimore this morning in reports of the rumbling noise and general upheaval of the earth in the mountains of the West. The people living in and near the mountains are supposed to be, and a volcanic eruption is momentarily expected.

The associated press reporter, and reporters of the Baltimore American, were on the train this morning this evening for the mountains.

**THE MOUNTAINS AREN'T.**  
KNOXVILLE, TENN., March 17.—We have no positive information of the volcanic disturbances reported from the mountains of the West. The only place in this valley as being between that place and Old Fort, Tenn., is the only place in this valley. The only place has been heard and felt frequently during the last two or three weeks for some distance in this vicinity.

**NEW ORLEANS.**

**THE GRANT PARISH PRISONERS.**  
NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—The jury in the case of the Grant parish prisoners brought in a verdict of guilty on the charge of conspiracy. The jury, announcing that there was no possibility of a hung jury, and that the prisoners were remanded, on motion of the district attorney, to the state prison, that there were other indictments against them.

**BEHOLD A CHRYSLER.**  
A break in the clouds this morning revealed a three miles wide Lake Providence, on Friday, March 17, 1906. The lake was a large body of water, a dozen or more large plantations back of Grand Lake, and a large number of small plantations. It has already stopped the running of trains on the

the passenger and freightport railroads.

**MERCHANTS AND THE MOILETY SYSTEM.**  
New York, March 17.—At a meeting of the important members of the Board of Trade today the report of the committee on trade statistics and publications, including the currency question, pending before the board, was read. The report condemns the moiety system and the present practice of paying the brokers a moiety of the amount of specie payments. Resolutions to this effect were adopted.

**ITEMS FROM NEW YORK.**

Gold sold yesterday at 112.

The Sub-Treasurer, yesterday, paid \$60,000 gold for interest, and \$1,000 for called bonds. The gold market is quiet.

There was considerable excitement among the loafers in the city, yesterday, on account of the disappearance of a man named Ellis, who has been in the city for some time. Ellis, who has been in the city for some time, has been in the city for some time, and has been in the city for some time.

**BRIEF TELERAMS.**

A San Francisco dispatch says the snow block ade has been again raised and trains are moving again.

C. J. Fells' open mill at Faulkner, near Bradyville Springs, Del., was burned Monday night.

At a meeting of colored citizens in Albany, N. Y., yesterday, a resolution was adopted to give notice of the life and character of the late Charles H. Johnson.

Tillman B. Parrow, while returning from a dramatic performance at Beaufort, S. C., last Saturday night, was shot by a mob of whites and two negroes, who made their escape.

The senior State of Alabama, from Glasgow for several years past, has been indicted by grand jury and held several times arrested and was discharged.

Yesterday Judge Wren presented in the constitutional convention a proposed amendment to the constitution, regarding legislation to regulate the trade in liquor between the county and township trustees to prohibit the trade.

A fire broke out in the city of Birmingham yesterday morning, burning down the city hall, which cost \$60,000 to various charitable institutions, was admitted to prohibit in Boston yesterday. The whole town was broken this way last will and testament, and where it was intended to break it or break it may be, but they had no peace for mind or body in this world or hereafter.

A special from Modoc City, Pa., states that early yesterday morning fire was discovered in the city hall, which was destroyed by the fire spread rapidly, reaching the Bazeman house, on the corner of the city hall, which was also destroyed. The buildings were destroyed. The loss cannot be estimated, but it is estimated at \$100,000, partially insured.

**PERSONAL**

An inventor of a new patent wind-mill has very appropriately stationed himself in Chicago to tax his fellow citizens.

Boston Free: "Young lady—Did you know Boston was dead?" Second idiot—"It is only the old man."

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